

ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus in which the appearance and functionality of a virtual remote control panel on a web page is controlled by an applet downloaded in connection with the web page. Because the appearance and functionality of the virtual control panel is controlled by the applet, it is easy to change. The invention also includes a set of methods or functions (an API) that can be used by the applet to interface to the video source. This API uses a PIP abstract Java class and a PIPInfo abstract Java class, where "PIP" stands for "picture in picture."

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